

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly for a flat wire member including conductors and an end portion split into a plurality of split pieces, comprising:

a first connector ~~for accommodating terminals~~ including terminals accommodated therein; and

a plurality of second connectors ~~to be mounted on~~ for respectively holding split pieces an end of a common of the flat wire member in a state that portions of the conductors are exposed;

wherein the first connector includes a plurality of ~~connecting~~ coupling portions ~~individually connectable to be respectively coupled~~ with the plurality of second connectors, and the terminals are so accommodated in the first connector as to be brought into contact with the exposed portions of conductors of the flat wire member ~~connected with when the first connector via the respective second connectors connected~~ are respectively coupled with the ~~connecting~~ coupling portions.

2. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly according to claim 1, wherein the ~~respective connecting~~ coupling portions of the first connector are arranged on one side of the first connector ~~such that the respective conductors of the flat wire member connected with the first connector via the second connectors are arrayed in a row along side by side in~~ widthwise direction of the flat wire member.

3. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly according to claim 2, wherein the first connector further includes an insertion portion which is provided at a side opposite from the side where ~~respective connecting the coupling portions are arranged~~ and ~~into which receives~~ an end portion of a second flat wire member ~~is insertable, and member, with each~~

terminal ~~can be being~~ brought into contact with a corresponding conductor of the second flat wire member to connect the conductor of the second flat wire member connected with the first connector via the second connector and a corresponding conductor of the flat wire member held by the second connectors inserted into the insertion portion.

4-6. (Cancelled)

7. (New) A connector assembly according to claim 2, wherein the first connector includes a female housing formed with a plurality of cavities to respectively receive the split ends of the flat wire member held by the second connectors, and the terminals are accommodated in the cavities.

8. (New) A connector assembly according to claim 2, wherein each of the second connectors includes a holder for holding the split end of the flat wire member and a housing for retaining the split end on the holder with portions of conductors of the flat wire member being exposed of the housing to be brought into contact with the corresponding terminals of the first connector.

9. (New) A connector assembly according to claim 2, wherein the terminals of the first connector are connected with a circuit on a circuit board or a second flat wire member.

10. (New) An electrical connection structure comprising:
a flat wire member including conductors formed thereon and an end portion split into a plurality of split pieces;
a first connector including a plurality of cavities formed side by side and terminals accommodated in respective cavities; and
a plurality of second connectors respectively holding the split pieces of the flat wire member, the second connectors being to be coupled with the first connector with the

split pieces being inserted into the cavities of the first connector to bring the conductors into contact with corresponding terminals.

11. (New) An electrical connection structure according to claim 10, wherein each of the second conductors includes a holder for holding the split end of the flat wire member and a housing for retaining the split end on the holder with portions of conductors of the flat wire member being exposed of the housing to be brought into contact with the corresponding terminals of the first connector, and the first connector includes a plurality of tubular hoods to which the housings of the second connectors are to be fitted upon coupling of the first and second connectors.

12. (New) An electrical connection structure according to claim 10, wherein the terminals of the first connector are connected with a circuit board or a second flat wire member.